

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:) Confirmation No.: 4705
Garrison Maenle, et al.)
Serial No.: 10/008,379) Group Art Unit: 2872
Filed: November 5, 2001)
For: CYTOLOGICAL AUTOFOCUSING)
IMAGING SYSTEMS AND)
METHODS)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE (RCE)

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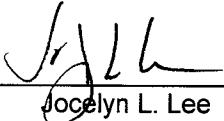
Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed with an accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and is in response to the Office Action, dated April 7, 2006. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.114(d), please withdraw the appeal filed on August 7, 2006, and reopen prosecution of this application. Please amend the application as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being transmitted to the Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below via the USPTO EFS-Web filing system.

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